

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 29, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and hay. Rain in the latter part of the week delayed harvesting and planting of winter-grazing crops. Cooler temperatures should reduce insect pressure in winter crops. Soil moisture is 1 percent very short, 17 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	88	77	95	75	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	96	95	98	93	0	3	31	57	9
	Harvested	29	14	41	20					
Rice	Mature	93	92	99	90	0	3	21	58	18
	Harvested	78	77	91	63					
Sorghum	Harvested	88	85	91	79	0	11	25	62	2
	Silage Harvested	92	90	95	93					
Soybeans	Turning Color	89	78	89	77					
	Shedding Leaves	68	56	71	51	1	4	23	66	6
	Harvested	29	26	40	17					
Wheat	Planted	4	3	4	8	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	99	98	100	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peanuts	Harvested	51	20	---	---	0	0	2	92	6
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	45	37	58	55	0	0	2	97	1
Pecans						4	10	43	40	3
Cattle						1	6	33	54	6
Pasture						2	10	31	50	7

County Agent Comments

"Harvesting of all crops is moving along nicely with very good yields reported. All we need is for the good weather to continue."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Cattle producers are planting more fall grazing to offset high feed prices. Soybeans and pastures have benefitted from the recent rain, and cotton harvesting is going strong. Hay producers need dry weather for their last cutting this year."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Corn harvest is in full swing with yields averaging 100 bushels per acre. Rain at the end of the week has slowed harvest. Most pastures are sowed in winter grazing and beginning to grow."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

"Cotton, corn, soybean, and hay harvesting are moving along quite well. Beef cattle producers are getting grounds ready for ryegrass planting."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Approximately 2 inches of rain fell over most of the county Friday and Saturday which will be very helpful in germinating recently planted cool season grasses and small grains. Cooler night time temperatures should help reduce insect pressure in cool season forage pastures."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

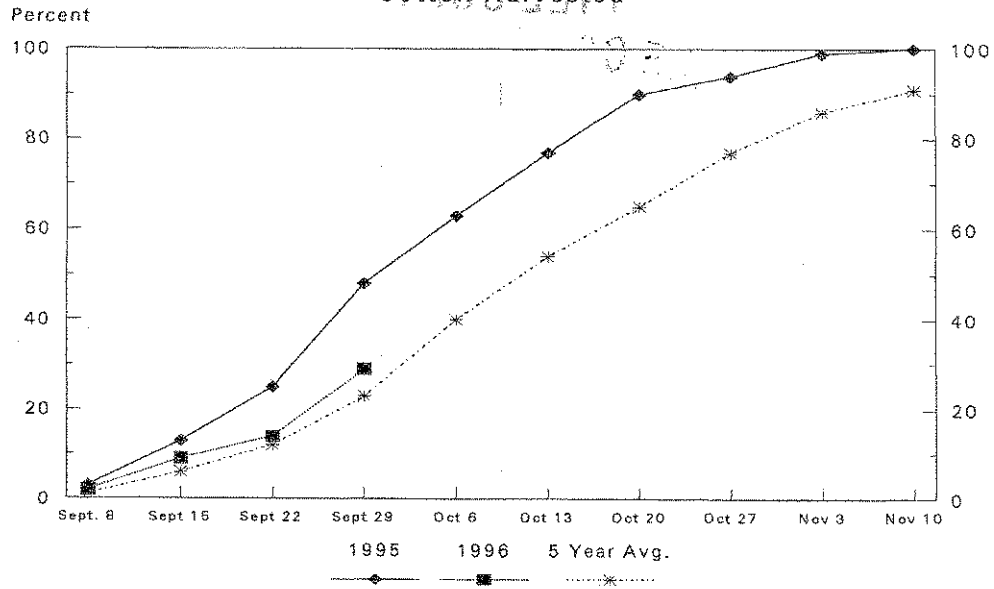
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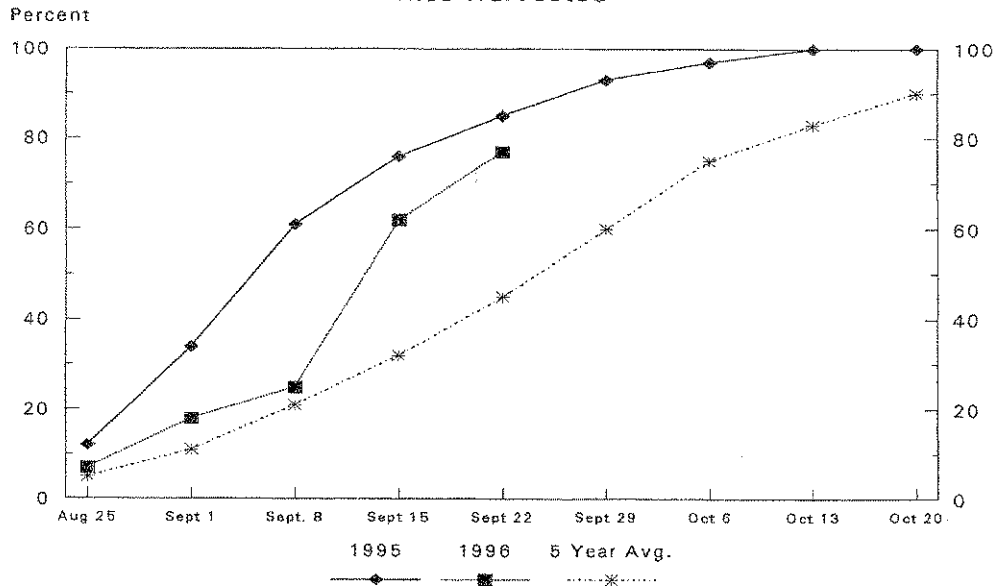
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